



**Tuesday January 19, 2016,**

REGULAR MEETING AT 4:00 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairwoman Peggy Krantz at 4:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees convened with members Peggy Krantz, Jamie Barnes, Rey Berrones, Bill Siders, Nanette Schumacher, DeAngela Velasquez, Lorie Mitteer, Miranda Howe, and Jessica Parham being present. A quorum was established.

**Members absent:** Donovan Fulkerson, Priscilla Ornelas.

Staff present: Laurie Rufe, Interim Director; Olga McGuire, Membership/Events Coordinator.

**Guests present:** Cindy Torrez, RMAC Foundation; Cindy Simmons, RISD-Creative Learning Center; Dietta Hitchcock, ABC Foundation.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Siders, motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Member Schumacher, was the second. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** December 21, 2015 Meeting

Member Schumacher motioned to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2015 meeting. Member Velasquez was the second. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS — Discussion**

#### **RMAC EDUCATION PROGRAM REVIEW**

Cindy Simmons RISD Creative Learning Center representative and Dietta Hitchcock of ABC, Arts Connect, were guests that shared ideas to partner with the RMAC including the possibility of after school art and science programs. Ms. Simmons and Ms. Hitchcock stated they both feel art is very important to children. Ms. Simmons stated there are 800 sixth graders to be served. She expressed transportation concerns for those interested. Ms. Simmons commended Elaine Howe for her part in getting present classes together at the RMAC. Interim Director Laurie Rufe suggested that RMAC and RISD meet again to share ideas and felt there was a possibility of creating some after school classes for next fall. Grants to fund transportation are possible. She also wanted the new Curator of Education to be involved in the conversation.

### **Acquisition — Action Item**

Discussion and Vote on Object(s) to be added to the RMAC Collection:

1. Sara Woodbury, Curator of Collections, presented and discussed paintings by Ted Kuykendall *Untitled*, Ted Kuykendall, *Untitled*, Frank Ettenberg, *#8*, Reg Loving, *Untitled*, and Roy De Forest, *Untitled*,

#### **COMMITTEE VOTE:**

1. Member Mitteer motioned to accept donation of 5 pieces, Miranda Howe was the second. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed, and signature obtained by all members.
2. Member Mitteer motioned to accept: Roger Sweet, *Axis of Evil*. Member Berrones was the second. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed and signature obtained by all members.

### **Exhibit Loan Request — Discussion Item**

Interim Director Rufe stated there was no action item, but discussed a request from the Tate Modern in London to borrow the Georgia O'Keefe painting, *Ram's Skull with Brown Leaves*. This would be a major traveling exhibit of Georgia O'Keefe's work beginning in mid-2016 at the Tate Modern and then traveling to Vienna and Montreal. Director Rufe expressed that this is a unique opportunity for our painting to be viewed by thousands of people globally. The staff did have some concerns and are talking to conservator Dale Kronkright about framing, crating, and shipping issues. Interim Director Rufe advised the board members the painting would be gone for a year and a half.

### **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Chairwoman Peggy Krantz introduced new Board member Jessica Parham, art teacher at Roswell High School. Ms. Parham gave a brief biography, including her current administrative duties with the Second Saturday program at RMAC. Member Parham stated she is an active member of the Pecos Valley Potters Guild, and is very happy to be a member of the board of Trustees.

Chairwoman Peggy Krantz attended the Foundation meeting, stating the Foundation would like to have Director Cindy Torrez present a report at future Board of Trustees meetings to keep members aware of what and how much the foundation does for RMAC.

### **MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE REPORTS: For the Month of December 2015**

Olga McGuire, Membership Coordinator, reported that attendance for the month was recorded at 1523 total visitors including classes, planetarium, meetings, and tours.

### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

Interim Director Laure Rufe updated board members on the status of the Curator of Education search. The committee comprised of: Laurie Rufe, Sara Woodbury, Laureta Huit, Cindy Torrez, Aria Finch, and Jamie Barnes has conducted on-site and Skype interviews. The three top applicants have been asked to complete an exercise that will evaluate their creativity in developing education programs, and their writing abilities. Director Rufe also updated the

Board on the Executive Director search which is now posted on the City's website and on the Waters & Company website, with a brochure created as well. Director Rufe reported the Museum's closure due to the recent blizzard, Sunday, December 27 through Thursday, December 31. Leaks were found in the Shipping and Receiving ceiling, on the ground level of the Horgan Gallery, and in the staff kitchen. The floor covering in the kitchen will have to be replaced. Director Rufe reminded members of the Strategic Long-range Plan (2013-2016) meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2016. Interim Director Rufe advised the Board members that the meeting will be scheduled as a regular board meeting to include staff, Board of Trustees, and Foundation, as well as any interested members of the public

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**No Old business**

## **Foundation Report**

Ms. Torrez provided the Board members with a detailed handout which included ways that the Foundation supports the Museum: Acquisitions, Conservation and Collections Care, Exhibits, Capital Projects, Community Outreach, Program Development, and Staff Support. Ms. Torrez educated Board members regarding the Foundation's history: founded in 1987 to promote and support the Roswell Museum and Art Center, its education programs, and its operation and maintenance. Since 1987, the Foundation's goal has been to support the Museum by providing financial resources to develop programs that inspire learning and creative exchange. Ms. Torrez is the only employee of the Foundation. She will keep members of the Board updated every month with a Foundation report.

## **ADJOURN**

Member Siders, motioned to adjourn. Member Howe was the second. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Olga McGuire, Membership/Event Coordinator